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Warm-up and Stretching Exercises

Example 1

1 2 3 4 *fingerings simile*

T 3 4 5 6 4 5 6 7

A 2 3 4 5 3 4 5 6

B 1 2 3 4 2 3 4 5

5 6 7 8 6 7 8 9

6 7 8 9 7 8 9 10

8 9 10 11 8 9 10 11

8^{va}

T 9 10 11 12 10 11 12 13 13 12 11 10 12 11 10 9

A

B

Example 1 cont'd

loco

loco

T
A
B

11 10 9 8 10 9 8 7 9 8 7 6 8 7 6 5 7 6 5 4 6 5 4 3 5 4 3 2 4 3 2 1

Example 2

Example 2

Example 2 is a musical score for a bass instrument, likely a double bass or electric bass, in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the bass clef and consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with triplets marked '3'. The accompaniment is a simple bass line. The score is divided into two measures.

Measure 1: The melody starts with a triplet of eighth notes (F#, G, A), followed by a triplet of eighth notes (B, C, D), and then a triplet of eighth notes (E, F#, G). The accompaniment consists of a single eighth note (F#) and a single eighth note (G).

Measure 2: The melody continues with a triplet of eighth notes (A, B, C), followed by a triplet of eighth notes (D, E, F#), and then a triplet of eighth notes (G, A, B). The accompaniment consists of a single eighth note (A) and a single eighth note (B).

The score is divided into two measures, with the first measure containing the first triplet and the second measure containing the second triplet.

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Warm-ups

Example 2 cont'd

Example 2 cont'd musical notation. The staff is in bass clef. The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase starts on G2 and ascends stepwise to D3. The second phrase starts on D3, ascends to G3, and then descends stepwise to G2. The notation includes a trill on the first note of the second phrase (D3) marked with an accent (>) and an 8va (octave up) marking. The word "etc." appears at the end of the second phrase. Below the staff, the fingerings for Tenor (T), Alto (A), and Bass (B) are indicated.

T	A	B
		7 8 9 10
		8 9 10 11
		9 10 11 12
		10 11 12 13 12 11 10
		12 11 10 9 11

Example 3

Example 3 musical notation. The staff is in bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of two phrases, each starting with a triplet of eighth notes. The first phrase starts on G2 and ascends to D3. The second phrase starts on D3, ascends to G3, and then descends to G2. The notation includes a trill on the first note of the second phrase (D3) marked with an accent (>) and an 8va (octave up) marking. The word "etc." appears at the end of the second phrase. Below the staff, the fingerings for Tenor (T), Alto (A), and Bass (B) are indicated.

T	A	B
		1 2 3 4
		2 3 4 5
		3 4 5 6

Example 4 Strength Builders

Example 4 cont'd

[illegible][illegible]

Example 4 cont'd

Example 4 cont'd musical notation. The staff shows a sequence of notes with fingerings 2, 4, 2, 4, and the word *simile*. Below the staff, the letters T, A, and B are listed, followed by a sequence of numbers: 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7.

Example 5 Finger combinations

Example 5 Finger combinations musical notation. The staff shows a sequence of notes with various fingerings. Below the staff, the letters T, A, and B are listed, followed by a sequence of numbers: 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 4.

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Example 5 cont'd

Example 6 Two string cross picking (4 fingers)

8

Example 7 Three string cross picking

1 3 2 4 *simile* etc.

T 3 4 3 4 4 5 4 5
A 1 2 2 3 2 3
B 1 2 3 4

Example 8 Stretching

1 4 1 4 *simile*

T 1 4 1 4 1 5 1 5
A 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5
B 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5

cont'd

Warm-ups

Example 8 cont'd

1 3 1 3 *simile*

T 1 4 1 4 1 4

A 1 4 1 4 1 4

B 1 4 1 4 1 4

1 2 1 2 *simile*

T 1 3 1 3 1 3

A 1 3 1 3 1 3

B 1 3 1 3 1 3

Example 9

1 3 4 1 3 4 *simile* 1 4 5 1 4 5 1 4 5 1 4 5

T
A
B

1 2 3 1 2 3 *simile* 1 3 4 1 3 4 1 3 4 1 3 4

T
A
B

Warm-ups

Example 10 Two octave arpeggio (major)

F

String	Measure 1	Measure 2
T	1	3
A	4	4
B	1	1

Example 11 Two octave arpeggio (minor)

F#m

String	Measure 1	Measure 2
T	1	3
A	4	4
B	2	2

Example 12 Alternating major and minor arpeggios (two octaves)

Fmaj F#m Gmaj etc.

T	3	7	5	10	5	7	8	3	5	1	2	5	4	4	7	6	11	6	7	9	4	5	2	3	7	5	5	9	7
A	1	5	3	3	7	7	8	3	5	1	2	5	4	4	7	6	11	6	7	9	4	5	2	3	7	5	5	9	7
B	1	5	3	3	7	7	8	3	5	1	2	5	4	4	7	6	11	6	7	9	4	5	2	3	7	5	5	9	7

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Example 13 Octaves in two string combinations

T	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
A	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
B	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

T P T P simile
 T P T P simile

Slap Techniques

Example 14 Octaves in a moving pattern

1 4 1 4 *simile*

T P T P *simile*

Example 15 Variation #1

5 8 7 6

T T P T T P *simile*

Example 15 cont'd

Example 15 cont'd musical notation. The staff shows a melodic line in the bass clef. The accompaniment consists of three parts: T (Tenor), A (Alto), and B (Bass). The fingerings for the accompaniment are as follows:

Part	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3	Measure 4
T	5	8	7	6
A	5	8	7	6
B	3 3	6 6	5 5	4 4

Example 16 Variation #2

Example 16 Variation #2 musical notation. The staff shows a melodic line in the bass clef. The accompaniment consists of three parts: T (Tenor), A (Alto), and B (Bass). The fingerings for the accompaniment are as follows:

Part	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3	Measure 4
T	5	8	7	6
A	5	8	7	6
B	3 3	6 6	5 5	4 4

Below the accompaniment, the articulation marks are: T P T T P T simile

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Slap Techniques

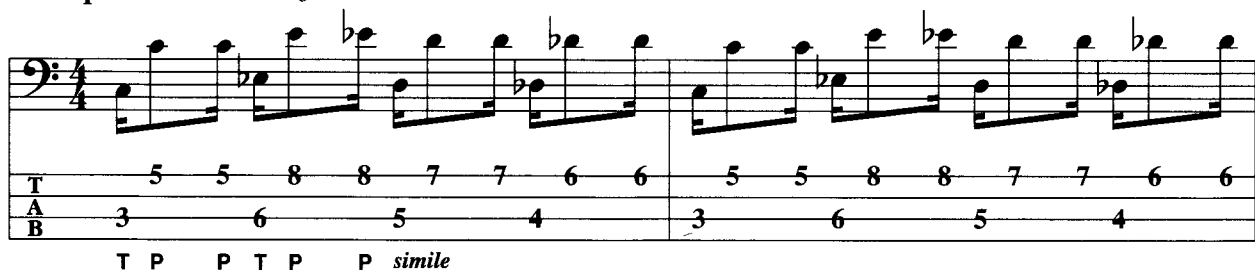
Example 16 cont'd



Example 16 cont'd musical notation. The staff shows a sequence of notes with slurs and accents. The fretboard diagram below indicates fingerings for the T, A, and B strings.

String	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3	Measure 4	Measure 5	Measure 6	Measure 7	Measure 8	Measure 9	Measure 10	Measure 11	Measure 12
T		5		8		7		6		5		8
A												
B	3	3	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	6	6

Example 17 Variation #3



Example 17 Variation #3 musical notation. The staff shows a sequence of notes with slurs and accents. The fretboard diagram below indicates fingerings for the T, A, and B strings.

String	Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3	Measure 4	Measure 5	Measure 6	Measure 7	Measure 8	Measure 9	Measure 10	Measure 11	Measure 12
T		5	5	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	8
A												
B	3		6		5		4		3		6	5

T P P T P P *simile*

Example 17 cont'd

Example 17 cont'd shows a bass line with slurs and a fretboard diagram below. The fretboard diagram has three rows: T (Treble), A (Alto), and B (Bass). The first row contains fret numbers 5, 5, 8, 8, 7, 7, 6, 6. The second row contains 5, 5, 8, 8, 7, 7, 6, 6. The third row contains 3, 6, 5, 4, 3, 6, 5, 4, 3. The diagram is divided into two measures, each with four frets.

Example 18 Ghost notes

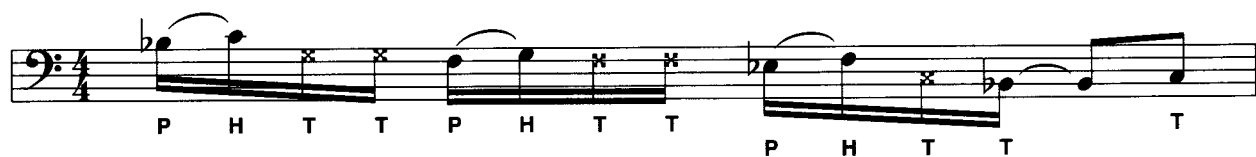
Example 18 Ghost notes shows a bass line with ghost notes marked with an asterisk. The notation includes a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm), T (Treble), P (Palm). The notes are grouped into pairs of eighth notes.

Example 19 Hammer on's (with popped note)

Example 19 Hammer on's (with popped note) shows a bass line with hammer-ons and popped notes. The notation includes a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: P (Palm), H (Hammer-on), T (Treble), T (Treble), P (Palm), H (Hammer-on), T (Treble), T (Treble), P (Palm), H (Hammer-on), T (Treble), T (Treble), P (Palm), H (Hammer-on), T (Treble), T (Treble). The notes are grouped into pairs of eighth notes.

Slap Techniques

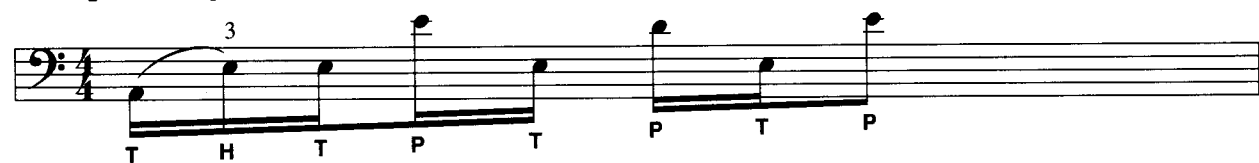
Example 20



Example 21 Hammer on s (thumb)

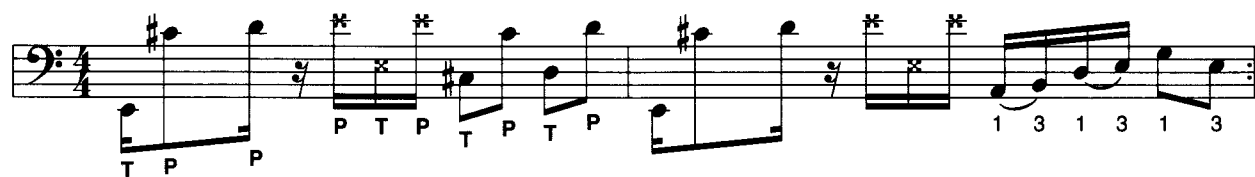


Example 22 Triplet lick



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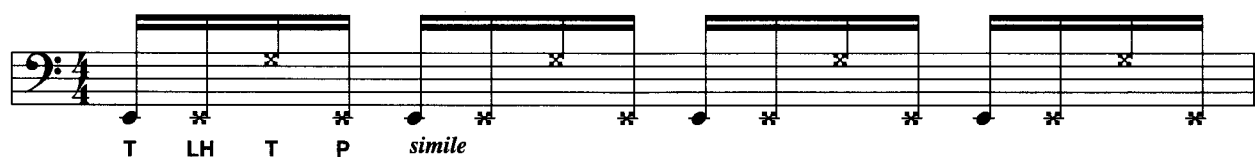
Example 23 Funk lick



Example 24 Left-hand muting



Example 25



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Example 26

T LH T P *simile*

Example 27

T LH T P *simile*

Example 28 Funk lick #2

T T LH P T S T P H T T LH P T S T H T H T

Example 28 cont'd

The image displays three staves of musical notation, each representing a different slap technique exercise. The notation is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The exercises are as follows:

- Staff 1:** The first measure contains the sequence T, T LH P T, S, and T P H. The second measure is marked with a simile and contains the sequence T LH T P. The notation includes various rhythmic values and slurs.
- Staff 2:** The first measure contains the sequence T, T LH P T, S, and T P H. The second measure is marked with a simile and contains the sequence T T LH P T. The notation includes various rhythmic values and slurs.
- Staff 3:** The first measure contains the sequence T, T LH P T, S, and T P H. The second measure is marked with a simile and contains the sequence T LH T P. The notation includes various rhythmic values and slurs.

Modes and Soloing Concepts

Example 29 Modes in F

F Ionian

1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1 2 4 1 2 4 2 1 4 2 1 4 2 1) 4 2 1)

T
A
B

1 3 5 1 3 5 2 3 5 2 3 5 3 2 5 3 2 5 3 1 5 3 1

G Dorian

1 3 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 3 1

T
A
B

3 5 6 3 5 7 3 5 7 3 5 7 5 3 7 5 3 7 5 3 6 5 3

Example 29 cont'd

A Phrygian

1 2 4 1 3 4 1 3 4 1) 2 4 2 1) 4 3 1 4 3 1 4 2 1

T
A
B

5 6 8 5 7 8 8 5 7 9 7 5 8 7 5 8 7 5 8 6 5

B^b Lydian

1) 2 4 1 2 4 1 2 4 1 3 4 3 1 4 2 1 4 2 1 4 2 1)

T
A
B

6 8 10 7 8 10 7 8 10 7 9 10 9 7 10 8 7 10 8 7 10 8 6

cont'd

Modes and Soloing

Example 29 cont'd

C Mixolydian

1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1 2 4 2 1 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 2 1)

T
A
B

8 10 12 8 10 12 12 9 10 12 10 9 12 10 7 10 8 7 10 8 6

D Aeolian

1 3 4 1 3 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 3 1 4 3 1

T
A
B

10 12 13 10 12 13 10 12 14 10 12 14 12 10 14 12 10 13 12 10 13 12 10

Example 29 cont'd

E Locrian

1 2 4 1 2 4 1 3 4 1 3 4 3 1 4 3 1 4 2 1 4 2 1

T
A
B

12 13 15 12 13 15 12 14 15 12 14 15 14 12 15 14 12 15 13 12 15 13 12

Example 30 Modes in B $\flat$

F Mixolydian

1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1 2 4 2 1 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 2 1)

T
A
B 1 3 5 1 3 5 1 3 5 2 3 5 3 2 5 3 1 5 3 1 5 3 1

cont'd

Modes and Soloing

Example 30 cont'd

G Aeolian

1 3 4 1 3 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 3 1 4 3 1

T
A
B

3 5 6 3 5 6 3 5 6

7 3 5 7 5 3 7 5 3 6 5 3 6 5 3

A Locrian

1 2 4 1 2 4 1 3 4 1 3 4 3 1 4 3 1 4 2 1 4 2 1

T
A
B

5 6 8 5 6 8 5 7

8 5 7 8 7 5 8 7 5 8 6 5 8 6 5

Example 31 Modes in A

F# Aeolian

1 3 4 1 3 4 1) 2 4 1) 2 4 2 1) 4 2 1) 4 3 1 4 3 1

T
A
B

2 4 2 4 5 2 4 6 2 4 6 4 2 6 4 2 5 4 2 5 4 2

G# Locrian

1 2 4 1 2 4 1 3 4 1 3 4 3 1 4 3 1 4 2 1 4 2 1

T
A
B

4 5 7 4 5 7 4 6 7 7 6 4 4 7 5 4 7 5 4

Modes and Soloing

Example 32 Modes in sequence

F Ionian

G Dorian

A Phrygian

etc.

Example 33

F Ionian

G Dorian

A Phrygian

B $\flat$ Lydian

etc.

Example 34 Arpeggios

Gmaj7

3rd inversion (from 7th) Root position 1st inversion (from 3rd)

2nd inversion (from 5th)

Example 35 Four note groupings (ascending)

C Ionian

1) 2 4 1) 2 4 1) 2

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Example 36 Four note groupings (descending)



Example 37 Four note groupings (combined)



Example 38 Rhythmic variation #1 (anticipated)



Example 39 Variation #2 (delayed)



Example 40 Triplets



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Example 41 16th note triplets



Example 42 Four note groupings (ascending and descending)



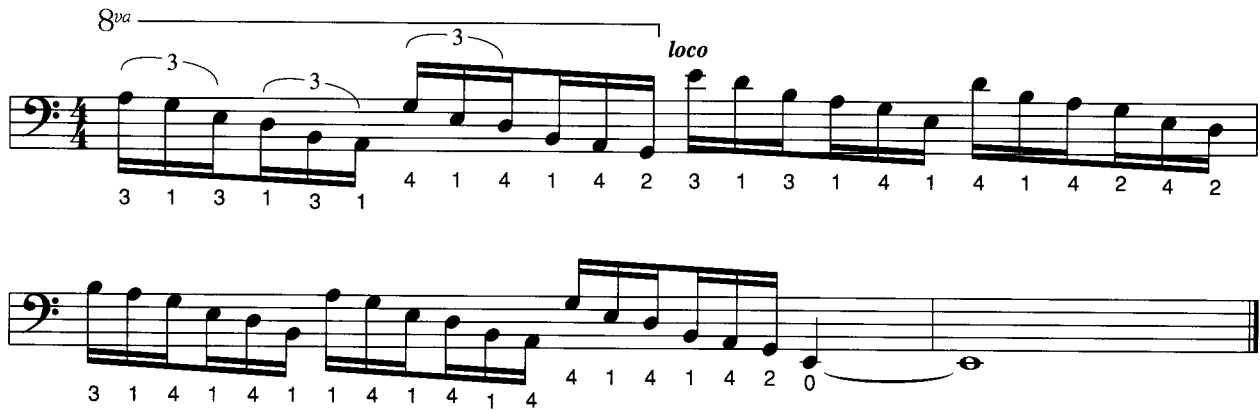
Example 43 Four note groupings (descending and ascending)



Example 44 Five note groupings



Example 45 Six note groupings (E Pentatonic)



Modes and Soloing

Example 46 Soloing over chord changes

Cm⁷
(C Aeolian)

A^bmaj⁷#11
(A^b Lydian)

Fm⁷ **B^b7**
(F Dorian) (B^b Mixolydian)

G⁷sus
(G altered or C harmonic minor scale)

DAVE LA RUE

Learn the **Essential Bass Concepts** that make **Dave LaRue** one of today's powerhouse players. In this jam-packed video Dave begins with some great warm-up and stretching exercises followed by arpeggio fingerings and gymnastic exercises clearly written in music and tab in the **accompanying booklet**. Then Dave lets loose with

some happening **funk lines** using hammer-ons, slapped, popped and ghost notes.

Next up it's fingering patterns for the modes and how to use **rhythmic variations** and **polyphonic** ideas. **Soloing** over chord changes follows as Dave performs some inspiring demonstrations.

Dave LaRue did two national tours with the DREGS and is currently a member of the **Steve Morse Band** which extensively tours the U.S. and Europe. He is also featured on the band's new release **Southern Steel** on MCA records. Dave is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and is a columnist and Advisory Board member of Bass Player Magazine. LaRue has completed his first solo album, "**Hub City Kid**," which also features **T Lavitz**, **Rod Morgenstein** and **Mike Stern**.



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